

Central Ohio High School Sailing Association

MISSA EAST Great Oaks Qualifier

October 4-5

4250 Smothers Rd Westerville, OH 43081

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Entries

Competing schools must be members in good standing of MISSA, located in the Southeast or Northeast region of MISSA. Membership will be verified prior to registration. This is a Tier 2 regatta. All teams must be accompanied by an adult advisor, coach or parent. Only one team per school may enter this event.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the East wall inside the clubhouse next to the white board.

3. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect. Other changes may be made to expedite the running of the event if Judges approve and all teams are notified before the race in which the change would take effect.

4: Intended Format: (subject to modification)

4.1 Schools will be drawn randomly and placed into either a RED or GREEN division.

4.2 Qualification Fleet: A maximum of 8 qualification races per division will be sailed. The qualification series will end at 4PM Saturday and a split into GOLD and SILVER will occur provided a minimum of 3 qualification races have been completed.

Following qualification, the fleet will be split evenly into GOLD and SILVER fleets. Gold and silver fleet races will begin promptly upon completion of the qualification series. Scores will NOT be carried over to the Gold and Silver rounds.

4.3 A minimum of 3 qualification races in each fleet and 1 gold fleet race must be sailed to constitute a regatta and to select the Great Oaks Invitational qualifying teams.

4.4 If a manageable number of teams enter, we will not split into divisions and sail as many single division races as allowed to determine the teams who advance to the Great Oaks.

5. Schedule of Races

Saturday, October 4, 2025

0800- Check in and Registration

0800-0900- Rigging of boats

0900- Competitors meeting mandatory for all sailors

0945- First Warning, qualifying series. Races will continue throughout the day. Lunch will be served on shore between sets. Racing will not stop during the day.

1900- No race shall start after this time.

Sunday October 5, 2025

0800- Check in and rigging of boats

0830- Competitors meeting mandatory for all sailors

0900- First Warning race 1 of the day.

1300- No race shall start after this time.

1400- Awards and departure

6. Personal Flotation

Life Jackets shall be worn by all competitors shore to shore. This changes RRS 40.

7. The Course

We will run a W4 course with a downwind finish on the 2nd run. A diagram of the course will be posted at the competitors meeting Saturday morning. The Race Committee may change the position of any mark after the starting signal provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. There will be no signal for any change. This changes RRS 33.

8. Marks

All marks will be orange cylinders or balls.

9. The Start

9.1 Sound-Signal Starting System shall be used.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff with a Blue RC Flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the nearby mark at the port-end.

9.3 The Race Committee may attempt to notify individual boats by hailing their sail numbers. (This changes RRS 29.1 and S6) Failure to hail or the order of hails shall not be ground for redress.

10. The Finish

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff with a blue Race Committee flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the nearby mark on the port end.

10.2 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position. A boat finished in place shall not be entitled to redress for the action of the RC to finish her in place.

11. Penalty System

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. Protests and Breakdowns:

A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee immediately following the race. Protest hearings will be held onshore as soon as possible and may be held between sets of races.

13. Scoring

Scoring will be according to ISSA PR 9.

14. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 teams in each of the following divisions: Red, Green, Silver and top 4 in Gold. Or if a single division event is run the top 4 teams will be awarded.

Championship qualifying: The top three (3) overall finishing schools will qualify for the Great Oaks Championship November 22-23, 2025 at Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans LA.

Schools earning berths must confirm in accordance with MISSA District Rule 5.11.